

Abstract of the Disclosure

A stable pharmaceutical composition comprising about 1 wt. % to about 80 wt. % of an ACE inhibitor or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof, about 1 wt. % to about 70 wt. % of an alkali or alkaline earth metal carbonate, and about 1 wt. % to about 80 wt. % of hydroxypropyl cellulose, wherein the ACE inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of quinapril, enalapril, spirapril, ramipril, perindopril, indolapril, lisinopril, alacepril, trandolapril, benazapril, libenzapril, delapril, cilazapril and combinations thereof; wherein the formation of an internal cyclization product, and/or ester hydrolysis product, and/or oxidation product, has been reduced or eliminated, and the weight percents are based on the total weight of the pharmaceutical composition. The stabilized pharmaceutical compositions of the invention exhibit a number of advantages as follows: (i) the ACE inhibitor or a pharmaceutical acceptable salt thereof present in the compositions is preserved from degradation; (ii) the compositions exhibit extended shelf-life under normal storage conditions; (iii) the effect of moisture on the compositions is minimized; (iv) the compositions exhibit minimal, if any, discoloration over a significant period of time; and (v) the compositions exhibit minimal, if any, instability when employed in the presence of colorants.